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Serial No. 183

**U. S. NAVAL AIR STATION**  
**TILLAMOOK, OREGON**

1 October 1943

S E C R E T

To: Commander-in-Chief, United States Fleet.

Subj: Station War Diary, SEPTEMBER, 1943.

1. 1 September:

Rear Admiral H. F. Bruns, (CEC), U.S.N., Superintending Civil Engineer Areas VI and VII, Captain B. W. Fink, (CEC), U.S.N., Director of Construction, Bureau of Yards and Docks, and Captain E. B. Keating, (CEC), U.S.N., Public Works Officer, Headquarters, Thirteenth Naval District, visited the station.

2. 3 September:

Airship K-83 arrived from Naval Air Station, Moffett Field, California, for operations from this station with Blimpron 33, bringing to a total of six the number of airships operating from the station.

3. 4 September:

Captain C. A. F. Sprague, U.S.N., Commandant, Naval Air Center, Seattle, and Commanding Officer, Naval Air Station, Seattle, visited the station and awarded War Bond pennant to the civilian employees of the station for their record in connection with purchase of War Bonds.

4. 7 September:

Received the following ammunition:

Cartridges, .30 cal. Tracer	1200 rds.
Cartridges, .30 cal. Ball	7200 rds.

5. 11 September:

The 20mm gun positions emplaced about the station were manned and instruction was given in the use of this weapon.

6. 16 September:

The station plane, a J4F2, No. 32954, crashed in Tillamook Bay. The personnel aboard, five in number, received only minor abrasions and lacerations.

7. 17 September:

Fire drill held, results satisfactory.

8. 18 September:

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9. 23 September:

Major General John Marston, U.S.M.C., Commanding General, Department of the Pacific, visited the station.

Regular gunnery instruction was held at the small arms range. Instruction was also given in field stripping the Springfield Rifle, the Thompson Sub-Machine Gun, the Browning Automatic Rifle, and the Browning .30 cal. Machine Gun.

During the month Detachment 33 of Blimp Hedron 3 was established at this station occupying quarters in Hangar B.

Station construction is approximately 97% complete.

Personnel on board: (as of 30 September)

Station officers -----	47
Blimpron 33 officers -----	49
Blimp Hedron 3 officers -----	4
Marine Officers -----	1
Total -----	101

Station enlisted men -----	299
Blimpron 33 enlisted men -----	253
Blimp Hedron 3 enlisted men -----	95
Marine enlisted men -----	27
Total -----	674

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COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF  
FLAG OFFICE  
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*Karl L. Lange*  
KARL L. LANGE  
Commanding.

Recording Officer:

*Frank R. Johnston*  
Frank R. Johnston  
Lieutenant, U.S.N.R.

CC:

ComThirteen  
ComNAC, Seattle

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